

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A processor comprising:
 - 2 a voltage regulator to be powered by a first voltage and to provide a
 - 3 second voltage; and
 - 4 a circuit powered by the second voltage.

- 1 2. The processor of claim 1, wherein the second voltage is adjustable by the
2 processor.

- 1 3. The processor of claim 2, wherein the voltage regulator includes a digitized
2 resistor to be set by the processor.

- 1 4. The processor of claim 1, wherein the second voltage is to be set to allow the
2 circuit to meet a timing requirement.

- 1 5. The processor of claim 1, further comprising a port to receive the first voltage
2 from an external voltage regulator.

- 1 6. The processor of claim 1, wherein the voltage regulator includes an op amp.

- 1 7. The processor of claim 6, wherein the circuit is a digital circuit.

1 8. The processor of claim 1, wherein the circuit includes at least a portion of a
2 core of the processor.

1 9. The processor of claim 1, wherein the circuit includes a memory region.

1 10. The processor of claim 9, wherein the memory region is a cache.

1 11. A computer system comprising:
2 a discrete voltage regulator to provide a global Vcc; and
3 a processor including a local voltage regulator to be powered by the
4 global Vcc and to provide a local Vcc for the processor.

1 12. The computer system of claim 11, wherein the local Vcc is adjustable by the
2 processor.

1 13. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the local voltage regulator
2 includes a digitized resistor to be set by the processor.

1 14. The computer system of claim 11, wherein the processor includes a cache to
2 be powered by the local Vcc.

1 15. The computer system of claim 11, wherein the processor is a graphics
2 controller.

1 16. A method comprising:
2 providing a first voltage to a processor comprising an integrated voltage
3 regulator;
4 powering the voltage regulator with the first voltage, the voltage regulator
5 to provide a second voltage; and
6 powering at least a portion of the processor with the second voltage.

1 17. The method of claim 16, further comprising adjusting the second voltage by
2 the processor.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein powering at least a portion of the processor
2 includes powering a floating point unit of the processor.